

Minutes
Nevada State Emergency Response Commission
Funding Committee Meeting
Professional Engineers & Surveyor's State Board Room
1755 E. Plumb Avenue, Suite 130
Reno, Nevada

October 2, 2006

Members Present

Richard Brenner, Chair
Susan Crowley
Larry Farr
Stacey Giomi
John Helmreich

Staff

Karen Kennard
Bruce Ferrel
Suzanne Adam
Glade Myler

Guests

John Hoehne
Lisa Hoehne
Brent Jones
Kathy Ludwig
Harry Raub
Richard Wagner

I. Call to Order

Richard Brenner, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

II. Introductions

Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves as shown above. A quorum was present.

III. *Approval of August 21, 2006 meeting minutes

John Helmreich made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2006 meeting. Susan Crowley seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

IV. Old Business

A. Discussion/Review of Nye County Local Emergency Planning Committee's (LEPC) updated Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan

Karen Kennard advised the Nye County LEPC submitted its updated emergency response plan on July 27, 2006. The Planning and Training Subcommittee approved the plan. The Nye County LEPC's appeal of the de-obligation of 2007 SERC grant award will be heard at the October 12, 2006 SERC meeting. Brent Jones, Nye County LEPC Chair, addressed the Committee regarding Nye County's appeal. No action was required.

V. New Business

A. *Discussion/Review/Recommendation of Fiscal year 2007 U.S. Department of Transportation, Hazardous Materials Emergency

Preparedness (HMEP) grant applications received from LEPC and State agency applicants

Most of the training funds requested by LEPCs and State agencies are to send first responders to HazMat Explo¹⁰ in Las Vegas, November 13-17, 2006. The SERC staff made recommendations based on the appropriate charges of two people per vehicle and two people per hotel room.

LEPCs

Carson City LEPC – Carson City LEPC is in compliance. The LEPC is requesting \$6,494 in training funds. SERC staff recommended approval as requested.

Churchill County LEPC – Churchill County LEPC did not submit a grant application.

Clark County LEPC – Clark County LEPC did not have a quorum at its last meeting to approve the grant application. The LEPC is requesting \$15,750 in training funds. SERC staff recommended approval as requested.

Recommended approval will be contingent upon submittal of the meeting minutes approving the grant application.

Douglas County LEPC – Douglas County LEPC is in compliance. The LEPC is requesting \$11,041 in training funds. SERC staff's recommendation is \$10,497.

Elko County LEPC – Elko County LEPC is in compliance. The LEPC is requesting \$4,928 in training funds. SERC staff's recommendation is \$3,467.

Esmeralda County LEPC – Esmeralda County LEPC is in compliance. The LEPC is requesting \$5,640 in training funds. SERC staff's recommendation is \$5,148.

Eureka County LEPC – Eureka County LEPC is in compliance. The LEPC is requesting \$3,530 in training funds. SERC staff's recommendation is \$2,552.

Humboldt County LEPC – Humboldt County LEPC is in compliance. The LEPC is requesting \$11,373 in training funds. SERC staff's recommendation is \$8,516.

Lander County LEPC – Lander County LEPC did not submit a grant application.

Lincoln County LEPC – Lincoln County LEPC is in compliance. The LEPC is requesting \$13,298 in training funds. SERC staff's recommendation is \$11,973.

Lyon County LEPC – Lyon County LEPC is in compliance. The LEPC is requesting \$9,686 in training funds. SERC staff recommended approval as requested.

Mineral County LEPC – Mineral County LEPC did not submit a grant application.

Nye County LEPC – Nye County LEPC will be in compliance pending submission of fourth quarter meeting minutes and the outcome of the appeal regarding its hazardous materials plan update. The LEPC is requesting \$4,385 in training funds. The SERC staff's recommendation is \$3,225, if the award is made.

Pershing County LEPC – Pershing County LEPC is not eligible for SERC grant funds pursuant to Policy 8.1. The LEPC is not in compliance as it did not submit its September 18, 2006 meeting minutes approving the grant application. The LEPC is requesting \$7,082 in training funds. SERC staff recommended approval as requested, if the award is made.

Storey County LEPC – Storey County LEPC needs to submit its July 14, 2006 meeting minutes. The LEPC is requesting \$4,105 in training funds. SERC staff recommended approval as requested.

Washoe County LEPC – Washoe County LEPC is in compliance. The LEPC is requesting \$24,512 in training funds. SERC staff's recommendation is \$19,872.

White Pine County LEPC – White Pine County is in compliance. The LEPC is requesting \$11,863 in training funds. SERC staff's recommendation is \$5,105.

State Agencies

Dept. of Agriculture – The Dept. of Agriculture is requesting \$772 in training funds. SERC staff recommended approval as requested.

Nevada Highway Patrol – NHP is requesting \$1,230 in training funds. SERC staff recommended approval as requested.

Division of Emergency Management – DEM is requesting \$6,486 in training funds. SERC staff's recommendation is \$3,986.

The total training funds requested from LEPCs and State agencies came to \$125,460. The available funds for training are \$111,331. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Farr made a motion the LEPC applications be approved as recommended by staff provided they are in compliance by November 1, 2006, excluding Pershing and Nye County LEPCs, with additional funding being awarded from SERC fee funds. Susan Crowley seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

A discussion ensued about policies. Ms. Crowley recommended the Policy Committee review Policy 8.1, which requires plan revision by the Planning and Training Subcommittee once a year. Mr. Farr indicated the current policy is needed so plans are not being received for review throughout the year.

Brent Jones, Nye County LEPC Chair, addressed the Committee regarding the de-obligation of Nye County LEPC's SERC grant funds and the need for training of new LEPCs. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Farr made a motion Nye County LEPC application be approved based on the outcome of the appeal hearing at the October 12, 2006 SERC meeting, and contingent on administrative compliance. Ms. Crowley seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

No action was taken on Pershing County LEPC's grant application as it is ineligible due to lack of compliance with Policy 8.1 and no appeal has been filed.

Mr. Brenner advised the Dept. of Agriculture was awarded \$120,000 in grant funds from Homeland Security. Mr. Brenner did not want any action to be taken until the Committee could meet with Chuck Moses of the Dept. of Agriculture. A discussion ensued. Mr. Farr recommended the Policy Committee make a policy on State agencies applying for grants.

Mr. Helmreich made a motion to deny the Dept. of Agriculture's grant application based on the understanding it has already been awarded funds from Homeland Security. Mr. Giomi seconded the motion. A discussion ensued. Mr. Helmreich amended the motion to recommend denial and invite a representative of the Dept. of Agriculture to make a presentation. There was no second to the motion. The motion died.

Ms. Crowley made a motion to recommend approval contingent upon a representative of the Dept. of Agriculture attend the SERC meeting October 12, 2006 to provide justification for the amount requested. Mr. Farr seconded the motion. A vote was taken resulting in 3 'yes' votes and 2 'no' votes. The ayes had it and the motion was carried.

The Planning and Training Subcommittee had no issues with the planning section of the LEPC grant applications. Mr. Giomi made a motion to recommend approval of Eureka and White Pine County LEPC's planning section of the grant applications, and recommended approval of Storey County LEPC's grant application contingent upon receiving its July 14, 2006 meeting minutes. Mr. Farr seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

V. Public Comment

Mr. Jones made a comment regarding a request not to penalize Nye County LEPC's first responders. Mr. Brenner thanked Mr. Jones for his comments.

VI. *Adjournment

Ms. Crowley made a motion to adjourn at 12:06 p.m.